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SUBJECT: FUTURE US/KUWAITI DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP
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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE NOW COMPLETED REVIEW OF USG REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARISING OUT OF KUWAITI DECISIONS TO PURCHASE SKYHAWK AND IMPROVED HAWK. WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT THIS DOLS 400 MILLION PLUS COMMITMENT IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF GOK DESIRE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH US ON GUT ISSUE OF ITS NATIONAL SECURITY, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO BE RESPONSIVE NOW AND IN FUTURE TO KUWAITI NEEDS IN THIS CRITICAL AREA.

2. STATE AND DEFENSE CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTELS B AND C) THAT WE ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO FORMALIZE US LIAISON OFFICE KUWAIT (USLOK). THUS, WE HAVE SOUGHT AND HAVE NOW OBTAINED CIRCULAR 175 APPROVAL OF USLOK. THIS CABLE CONSTITUTES SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU, BASED UPON PARA 6 OF REFTEL (B), TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOK MINISTRIES CONCERNED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF USLOK CONSISTING OF FOLLOWING POSITIONS AND GRADES, AND WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT USLOK EXISTS SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE GOK WITH SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY

SERVICES AND THAT THE USG WILL BE REIMBURSED IN DOLLARS FOR ALL USLOK EXPENSES INCLUDING SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR SPONSORS AND DEPENDENTS, MOVEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND AUTOMOBILE, HOUSING, TRAVEL AND EDUCATIONAL FUNDS FOR DEPENDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL OUTSIDE KUWAIT, TRAVEL FUNDS FOR DEPENDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGE, PERIODIC RECREATIONAL TRAVEL FOR SPONSORS AND DEPENDENTS, OFFICE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT, OFFICIAL TRAVEL WITHIN KUWAIT, ETC., (AID IN KIND MAY BE ACCEPTED FOR CERTAIN OF THE ABOVE EXPENSES) AS OF DATE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES ESTABLISHING USLOK IS COMPLETED:

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DUE TO CURRENT STATUS OF PROGRAMS, WE DELIEVE THAT DOD

SURVEY TO DETERMINE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR LEASING FACILITIES SHOULD AWAIT EXCHANGE OF NOTES. FURTHER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY CONSIDER INCREASED SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO INCREASES OF USLOK PERSONNEL AND POSSIBILITY THESE ADDED SERVICES MIGHT CREATE NEED FOR NEW FSL/AMERICAN POSITIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE FUNDED BY DOD.

3. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES (REFTEL (C) MODIFIED), WHICH YOU SHOULD USE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS: QUOTE: EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT FOR ITS INTERNAL SECURITY AND LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE AND TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED AS A RESULT OF SUCH CONVERSATIONS:

1. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL, SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN MILITARY SALES, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE OF KUWAIT

SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERVICES AS THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS MAY AGREE UPON FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. (A) THE UNITED STATES MAY SEND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WILL RECEIVE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SHALL DISCHARGE

THIS AGREEMENT. SUCH PERSONNEL, AS PART OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE US LIAISON OFFICE, KUWAIT AND WILL OPERATE UNDER THE OVERALL SECRET

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DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE CHIEF OF THE LIAISON OFFICE AND, UNDER HIM, THE SENIOR OFFICER OF EACH OF THE US ARMED FORCES WHO ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED AND ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, NOT NATIONALS OF KUWAIT, SHALL BE ACCORDED THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC AGENTS UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF APRIL 18, 1961. ALL OTHER SUCH PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO KUWAIT AND ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, NOT NATIONALS OF KUWAIT, SHALL BE ACCORDED THE TREATMENT TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE ENTITLED UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT AND THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT SHALL PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES, COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO OR PRESENT IN KUWAIT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAH 2 (A) ABOVE.

3. IF THESE UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT, I PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE IN REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY. SUCH AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER RECEIPT BY EITHER GOVERNMENT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENT TO TERMINATE IT. AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL CONSULT REGARDING ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OR AMENDMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

4. ANTICIPATED USLOK STAFFING PATTERN, AND CONDITIONS OF REIMBURSEMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 OF THIS CABLE MAY BE
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INCLUDED IN MOU BETWEEN DOD AND KUWAIT MOD AS NECESSARY. WHEN WE HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS AND NOTES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED, DEFENSE WILL EXPEDITE SELECTION AND TRAINING OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ASSURE STAFFING AS AUTHORIZED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, AND WILL ARRANGE FOR ORDERLY EXPANSION

OF USLOK ON A PRIORITY BASIS.

5. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF NOTES, USCINCEUR WILL BE ASKED TO CONDUCT A SURVEY CONCERNING EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS AND TO DEFENSE ON GOK NISCAL SUPPORT (PARA 8D, REFTEL B).

6. WHEN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, SIGNED ORIGINAL OF GOK NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF EMBASSY NOTE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR TREATY AFFAIRS PER 11 F.A.M. 723.7 (FORMERLY FAM 735). KISSINGER

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